

Oxford Democrat.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MONDAY.—Mr. Pears, an American missionary attached to the Turkish and his escort, was killed by a Turkish soldier.

TUESDAY.—On Gladstone's motion the English Commons voted a monument to Beaconsfield by a vote of 389 to 34.

WEDNESDAY.—The cattle thieves and Indian murderers La Platte County, Colorado.

THURSDAY.—A plot to assassinate the King of Italy is reported.

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TUESDAY.—The "Star" route service, which has acquired such an unsavory reputation in national affairs, as a field for fraud and corruption, derived its name from the practice in the post office department of designating the three words "certainty, celerity and security," by three stars, performed on horse-back, by stage coach, horse and buggy, on foot, or any way allowable, except by railroad and steamboat.

POLITICAL NOTES.

—The Chicago Times publishes a written contract for an equal division of spoils by the Court House ring.

—Secretary Bob Lincoln is said to be "careless with his hair." If he were a political editor, he would soon be hairless with his care.

—Postmaster James believes that the master service of the United States may be made to pay expenses, if the leaks are stopped.

—The New York Times of Sunday, April 24, devoted eleven columns of its space to a detailed review of the distinguished and honorable public career of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin.

—Postmaster-General James is contemplating the organization of a postal savings bank and hopes to have the scheme perfected by the next meeting of Congress.

—The unanimity with which the Democratic press declare Senator Frye's speech "uncalled for" is laughable.

—Senator Wade Hampton frankly admitted, in the Senate, on the 20th, that the statements of the Charleston News and Courier the chief Democratic paper of South Carolina, respecting the use of tissue ballots in the latest of bulldozers in that State, were correct.

—General Weaver is passing through the country in the expectation of being able to arouse the Greenback party. The times are too good, General, and the people are too hopeful.

—The Postmaster General is conducting his department on business principles. Orders have been issued to discontinue steamboat mail service at once on eight designated routes, in the south and south west.

—The dedication of the tomb of the Association of the Army of Northern Virginia and the unveiling of the statue of Stonewall Jackson, which surmounts it, took place at Mt. Vernon, Va., on the 20th.

—The widow and daughter of Gen. Jackson were present. At the conclusion of the ceremonies Jefferson Davis gave a brief address.

—The King of Italy is reported to be in the hands of the Grand Duke of Tuscany. The men in the workshops have been promised an advance of 15 per cent.

—The postoffice department contemplates recommending a law for a 5 cent instant delivery stamp to entitle a letter to speedy delivery in cities where free delivery is in vogue.

—Merrill, the lawyer, was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

—The steamer Kathadin collided with the schooner Charlie Steadman. The schooner was considerably damaged, but the steamer was uninjured.

—Stanley Matthews confirmed an associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Justice.

—In Russia between Christians and Jews, at Kiev, the troops were called out and one person killed and 15 wounded.

—There have been over 1400 arrests.

—A land slip has blocked Mt. Cenis tunnel.

—The Boy of Tunis has signed a treaty with France. It secures the interests of France.

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—It is ahead of time having reached us on the tenth of May. It is a good number however in spite of its previousness.

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—A full programme will be published next week.

—It is a sad sight to the lover of nature, to see the beautiful elms which stood near the Trull buildings in Norway, burned and blackened beyond redemption.

—Buildings may be replaced, but the years of growth attained by such trees can never be restored after they have been attacked by fire or ax.

—We will call special attention to A. M. Gerry's advertisement of Sporting Goods.

—He always carries a full line, but this year's stock is larger and more varied than that of any preceding season.

—He has cheap goods and goods of the finest make and quality. Run in and look at them.

—A BROILER.—Mr. A. J. Nevers of Norway, will soon offer for sale in Paris a patent broiler.

—We have used the patent broiler for some time and find it superior to the old fashioned broiler or grill iron.

—It is so made as to combine the good points of both of these. It consists of two sheets of iron so punctured as to leave little hollows between the holes, into which the juices of the meat sink instead of running into the fire.

—On turning the iron the juices are turned onto the meat thus making a self basting broiler.

—We heartily recommend it to all who appreciate a good broil.

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OXFORD COUNTY LOCALS.

ANDOVER, May 12.—The sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Lucien Ingalls of Falmouth, for thirteen years a resident of Andover, cast a gloom over this entire community.

Mr. H. L. Newhall has purchased Mr. C. W. Hodgman's farm. Mr. Newhall is making some extensive improvements on his buildings.

The immense amount of logs driven out of Ellis River makes the most ever driven out, and a "clean drive."

Farm work is progressing finely, and early sowing grain is out of the ground.

Grass is starting well, and stock is turned away to pasture, after more than six months feeding from the barn.

Farmers are sowing a very small acreage of wheat, owing to the poor crop the past few years.

Oats appear to be the main crop.

RETHIEL, May 13.—The warm weather and heavy thunder showers have raised the river to full banks, and thoroughly saturated the ground with water.

The logs are all out of the small streams, and the lumbermen are rejoicing in a good season's operations.

In your last issue you make your correspondents speak of the burning of two dwellings houses in Bethel.

There was but one house burned, that of Charles H. Stearns, upon which S. B. Twitchell had a claim.

The fault was not that of the editor, but of the correspondents.

The hand of Simon Ward was amputated between the wrist and elbow joint last Monday.

One of the old landmarks (Gould's Academy) in Bethel, is being removed, to make place for a new building, to be erected by Edmund Merrill, 60x10 feet, two stories high, with all the modern improvements.

The building to be ready for the furniture and occupancy the first of September.

Contract price \$14,000, with old building.

The sixth and last lecture of the Academy course was delivered in the Universalist church, Tuesday evening, by Hon. L. H. Hutchison of Lewiston.

Subject, "Quacks." He took us backward to the garden of Eden, to the first pretender, and down through the ages, showing that quacks have existed in all ages, in all professions, and people were easily and willingly humbugged.

The lecture abounded in sallies of wit and wisdom, and was a thoughtful, timely presentation of the tendencies of the times.

Much praise is due to the scholars, and especially F. E. Timberlake, the efficient principal, for the interesting and instructive lectures, free to the public, given in the course.

EAST BUCKFIELD, May 9.—Among the officers elected, by the Crystal Wave, Good Templars, on the 28th, for the fifty fourth year, are Russell Pratt, W. C. T.; Mrs. Osman Warren, W. V. T.; Albert E. Ricker, W. S.; George W. Shaw, W. F. S.; Leander Hodgman, W. T.; Mrs. Wm. L. Morrill, W. C. W. M.; Members of the Wave have fought for temperance many years and are ready for duty.

On the evening of May 5th, the officers could not be installed on account of the L. D. not receiving his commission.

A good attendance witnessed the exercises, including the initiation of two ladies and reading of the 26th number of the Semi-Monthly Pearl by Mrs. Wm. L. Morrill with interest.

A delegation of the Wave visited Tesque's Lodge, at Chase's Mills on the 19th, an excellent time.

Rev. Mr. Marshall of the village, is holding meetings at this place Sabbath afternoons at half past two.

Frank Spaulding is superintendent, Winslow H. Allen Assistant of the Sabbath School, Mrs. Wm. Morrill, Librarian.

The oldest person in Buckfield is Ezekiel Record, in his ninety sixth year.

His father's twin brother Jonathan died in town, in his one hundred and fifth year.

The school house at this place has been repaired. Suitable seats, with iron frames take the place of the old ones for the pupils.

Miss Avoline R. Forbes of the district commences the summer term on the 19th.

Tons of phosphate will be used by those who saw its effects last season in forwarding.

Many N. Y. fruit trees will be set in Oxford soil this month.

A live railroad makes wide a wake farmers.

Hartford.

KEZAR FALLS, Apr. 12.—We are having nice growing weather just now.

Warm and delightful showers visit us most every day.

The farmers are getting along finely with their spring work.

Nearly all have done their sowing and many have planted potatoes.

Grass has got a good start, and there is plenty of it for all stock in the pastures.

Wm. F. York has nearly completed his new house.

Mr. Joseph Cousins lost a good cow a few days ago.

Mr. Daniel Durgin and wife superintendent the Porter town farm for the next year.

Mr. Daniel Fox of Porter, who has been manufacturing clothing for Boston parties for the past year, and dealing somewhat extensively in groceries, has sold his interest in his store goods to his wife who will continue to run the business in her own name.

In addition to groceries and the clothing, she intends to keep a full line of millinery goods which she will sell as low as the lowest.

She will pay money or goods for the manufacture of clothing.

Mr. Fox will proceed at once to collect the bills that are due him.

Apple trees begin to show their blooms.

"Ideal and the Real," and "The Old Surgeon's Story," by Belle Dutton, were very good and worthy of mention.

After the recitations, &c., of the class, Miss Alma Pendexter, O. W. Collins and C. F. Whitman made appropriate remarks, and the diplomas were presented.

The benediction being pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Hooper, the invited friends of the class repaired to Elm House Hall, where refreshments in the shape of ice cream, &c., were served.

Much credit is due the graduating class and the teachers of the school.

OXFORD.—Last Monday forenoon Stephen Jordan got his left arm caught in a belt in the Robinson Company's Saw Mill, causing a severe wrench, but no bones broken.

He had a narrow escape from a bad accident.

Rev. S. D. Brown, recently appointed to Oxford and Welchville Circuit, will commence his labors next Sabbath.

Seth H. Faunce is improving the appearance of his buildings with a coat of paint.

George H. Motley is making extensive improvements about the house, recently occupied as a Methodist Parsonage.

Operations have commenced for building an Apothecary Shop between Durell and Hawkes Store and Poplar Block.

PARIS.—Our schools commenced last Monday, Miss Alice Hammond as teacher in the primary department, and Mrs. Ada Pulsifer in the grammar department.

Whole number of scholars attending, 72. The percentage of average attendance to number registered in summer schools in Paris, 1880, was 92 per cent.

In our district it was only 78 per cent. The cause of this small percentage lies mainly with the parents.

I hope they will see the necessity of prompt and regular attendance, and not allow their children to stay away from school unless it is necessary.

The citizens of Paris Hill are requested to meet at the Academy building, next Saturday, 21st inst., at 7 o'clock p. m., to see what measures will be taken to repair said building.

It is hoped that there will be a full attendance, that our High School room and village hall will be preserved for the benefit of the rising generation, and for the credit of the village.

PER ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

SOUTH PARIS.—An audience of fully four hundred assembled at New Hall Wednesday night, to witness the long rehearsed and much talked of Cantata of Esther, the beautiful Queen.

Every seat was taken, and those who came at quarter to eight considered themselves fortunate to obtain standing room.

The audience was put in the best of humor at the outset by Estlin's International Fantasia, an exceedingly difficult instrumental duet, by Mrs. Cora Briggs and Miss Aggie Briggs.

The limited capacity of the stage rendered it slightly inconvenient for the chorists, which contained upwards of thirty voices, but this was somewhat obviated by careful drilling and rehearsal.

President George Briggs showed his wisdom in the beginning by assigning the right part to the right individual.

The part of Queen Esther was admirably sustained by Mrs. W. E. Howe, whose manner throughout was marked with dignity and self-possession.

Mr. R. N. Hall wore the crown and ermine robe of King Ahasuerus with a naturalness which found favor with the audience.

"A song of joy," a duet between the King and Haman, was not only sung well, but acted in a very acceptable manner.

The little pages of the King, during this scene, contributed much to its appearance.

The duet, in which the rich bass of the King mingled with the fine soprano of Queen Esther, is worthy of special mention.

It would be difficult to improve the character of Mordecai, the Jew, as rendered by F. A. Thayer.

Mr. Thayer is a thorough musician, and in the solo, "Woe is me," and "Israel, O Israel," his clear tenor voice found ample scope to display its powers.

The part of Zeresh was, perhaps, one of the most difficult in the play to assume successfully, and we pay a tribute of simple justice to Miss Clara Howe when we say she proved fully equal to the part.

Her screen-like allurement, when tempting Haman to "build a gallows fifty cubits high," was irresistible; and when her lord had met the fate which he had designed for Mordecai, her anguish and remorse was not only expressed by her song, but was faithfully depicted in gesture and in every feature of her countenance.

Miss Aggie Briggs' solo "Thou wilt keep him," was sung very sweetly, upon bended knee and with clasped and uplifted hands.

Miss Briggs always pleases, and is justly entitled to a place in the front ranks of musicians both vocal and instrumental.

The "Prophets" solo, by Miss Lizzie Winslow, was entirely satisfactory.

It should be remarked that the fine instrumental accompaniment, much of which was improvised by Mrs. Cora Briggs, was an important factor in the success of the play.

Mrs. Briggs is undoubtedly one of the finest pianists in Oxford County.

The citizens of South Paris may justly feel proud of its musical talent, and may safely challenge the State to produce its peer in a village of the same number of inhabitants.

There was no "stage warts" as is usually the case, but everything passed off without a hitch.

The costumes, which were very elegant, were hired at an expense of fifty dollars.

The Cantata was repeated Thursday night to a good house.

The proceeds for the two evenings amounted to about \$130.

Burnham came over Friday morning and photographed the entire chorus, and many of the principal actors and actresses separately, in full costume.

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WEST PARIS.—We regret exceedingly that an item appeared in these columns, last week, in relation to the death of Mr. Stephen B. Curtis, which seemed to be a ding at the departed.

The publisher of this paper had been absent in Boston for a few days, and had not heard of the death of Mr. Curtis, and did not see the article until it was in print.

He then read it and concluded that the author was simply joking some one by using terms that so frequently apply to death.

It was not supposed for a moment that such common terms would be applied in earnest to the name of a good citizen who had departed this life.

West Paris has been much excited over the affair, and we publish the following communications in relation to the matter, to do what we can to repair our error of judgment.—[Ed.]

Mr. Editor.—I wish to call the attention of your readers, not to the language itself, but to its author, in the West Paris items

of May 10th. The language itself is base enough, but it is only the shadow; the substance is back of it.

I refer to the slang phrase, "has passed in his checks and gone to that town from whence no traveler returns," used in connection with the name of the late Stephen B. Curtis.

It was the general opinion of the citizens of this vicinity that the article was written by Dr. O. K. Yates of this place, and after careful investigation they were still further convinced that they were right.

For they could think of no one else but what had either intelligence or manhood enough to restrain them from indulging in so indecent and uncalled for language about one of our most worthy and respected citizens, who after a long and trying sickness, has left us and entered the spirit world.

Stephen B. Curtis had always lived in this vicinity. Born in South Woodstock where he lived until he removed to this place about four years ago, since which time he has been an upright, honorable business man.

That he was held in high esteem is fully attested by the large number of people who attended his funeral. The family to which he belonged, and especially his widow, have the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

He was a worthy member of West Paris Lodge, I. O. O. F., and his loss is irreparable.

CITIZEN.

West Paris, May 14, 1881.

The remarks of your West Paris correspondent in your last week's paper, in regard to Stephen Curtis, member of the firm of Curtis Brothers, of this village, might be construed by some as casting a slur or stigma upon his memory.

While we do not entertain the thought that any slur or disrespect was intended, we do feel that the item referred to was worded in bad taste.

Mr. Curtis was one of our most exemplary and enterprising young men, a man of high moral integrity, and enjoyed the entire confidence and respect of this community, and in his death the village suffers a great loss.

He was a good citizen, a kind and warm friend, a loving brother, an affectionate son, and a devoted husband, and the relatives and friends have our deepest sympathy.

O. K. YATES, M. D.

ROXBURY May 6.—Gilbert's timber is out of Swift River.

The Lewiston Steam Mill Company's is out or nearly so.

The ice in Roxbury Pond got pretty well broken up, May 2, but the last is not out yet.

Slow farming, the ground is so wet.

The piece cut from F. H. Merrill's toe, refused to knit, and finally came off.

AN OLD SOCIETY.

The following letter is just received from Hon. Geo. F. Emery of Boston, a native of Paris, Maine.

The files of our paper do not go back to the date required, nor can we find old papers, relating to the matter. So we publish his letter, and shall be glad to hear from any who have knowledge of the organization to which he refers.

To the Editor of the Oxford Democrat:—I presume on your warm interest in all matters concerning the early history of Paris, to appeal through you to the proper source for information relating to an organization which flourished in early times, which was highly creditable to its originators, and which affords a good deal of light as to the character and aims of some noble women.

Somewhere about 1812, an organization was formed by the name, if I am correctly informed, of "The Social Humane Society." Although there appears to have been male members, it was a female institution, and embraced residents of Paris, Norway and Buckfield.

The first President is said to have been Lydia Jane Rust. When she was married Mary Stowell succeeded her.

Sarah Stowell was Secretary. Its purposes were to promote social intercourse and culture, and to prosecute the work of charity among the needy by purchasing cloth, and making it up into clothing for gratuitous distribution.

I judge it to have been quite a remarkable institution from the additional facts, that every year it celebrated its public anniversary, when an oration was delivered accompanied by other appropriate services for the hearing of which an admission was required, and it did not cease to exist until about the year of 1825.

These facts come to me through Mrs. Holmes of Oxford, and it is possible there may be those living who could furnish additional notes, that would be of interest to the present generation.

If so, they will do a good thing by communicating them to some one for preservation.

My attention was first called to this matter by having received a certificate issued to one of its members signed by the Secretary, who was the sainted mother of G. F. E.

—The Memphis (Tenn.) Avalanche gives a hint to those Democrats who seek to make political capital out of the Star Route matter as follows:—There was not so much known about the Star Route devilries as there is now.

What little leaked out a year ago, was covered up by a Democratic Congress because the Democrats had some of the pork.

A year ago no one outside of the inner ring had any conception of the wonderful ramifications and the immense power of the Star Route ring.

It was not known then that the steamboat mail service was a mass of corruption and fraud, and that it was part and parcel of the Star Route ring.

swindling the government by the methods practiced on the land routes.

A year ago it was not known that Brady and his ring encompassed the whole country and trafficked in mail routes in the old States as well as in the new.

A good deal of Brady's rascality was known, however, a year ago, and some of his most violent supporters were Democratic Congressmen like Maxey and Money, and some of his fiercest opponents were Republicans like Hawley of Connecticut.

—One by one the "Radical" lies of the past are being vindicated.

When the Ku Klux outrages were unfolded in Republican newspapers, the whole Democratic North and South denounced the horrible statements as "Radical lies."

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LITERARY NOTES.
—Mr. Henry James, Jr., intends to return to this country this year.
—The sale of the library of the late Rev. Dr. Chapin of New York, brought about twenty-five thousand dollars.
—Mr. Donald G. Mitchell ("Ike Marvel") is giving a series of readings on English literature in Hartford.
—Mr. Howells and Mr. Aldrich live near each other in Boston—Mr. Aldrich in his own house on Beacon street, and Mr. Howells on Brimmer street, close by.
—Harper's "Cyclopedia of British and American Poetry," the compilation of which was the last work done by the late E. S. Sargent, will be published next Friday.
—The editor of a country paper does much work gratuitously for the town and community than all the rest of the population put together, and as a compensation therefore he gets more kicks than carresses.—*ET.*
—The earliest printed Bible known was sold on February 10th in London for \$790 (1890). It contained the Old Testament only, and was printed at Mentz by Gutenberg in 1452, being believed to be the first printed work by movable types.
—Rev. William R. Alger, author of a life of Edwin Forrest and late pastor of the Church of the Messiah in New York City, has written a new book called "The School of Life which Robert Brothers have in press. It is of a religious, philosophical character."
—Lovers of the best books will be glad to know that Messrs. Macmillan & Co. have published a cheap edition of Ward's "English Edition." It is entitled the "Student's Edition," and is published at the rate of a dollar a volume, which is a large reduction on the cost of the original edition.
—A writer the *London Athenaeum* writes earnestly and with good effect to prove that Oliver Goldsmith wrote the famous nursery story "Goody Two Shoes." It was published by John Newbery in 1765 and it is certain that Goldsmith was actively employed in the service of that publisher during 1763-4. The style of the story and of several others of unknown authorship and similar purpose, bears a strong resemblance to Goldsmith's acknowledged writings.
—The census office has just issued a preliminary exhibit of statistics of the daily press of the United States during the census year. The total number of daily journals was 962 which includes 50 dailies which were suspended and 114 established in the course of the year. The aggregate daily circulation is placed at 3,581,187, and the aggregate annual circulation at 1,227,347,250. The people of the United States pay out annually \$26,250,000 for their daily newspapers. New York publishes the largest number of dailies, 113; Pennsylvania next, 35; Massachusetts, 33; Connecticut, 19; Maine, 11; Rhode Island, 6.
—Judge Tourgee is reported by the *Chatham Leader* as saying that his "Fool's Errand" has reached a sale of 200,000 copies. "I came to write," he added, "One Sunday morning in the summer of 1877 I arose early, saying to my wife, 'I am going to write a book by the name of 'A Fool's Errand' by one of the fools.' I went into my library and went to work, and during that time I wrote three chapters of the book. I laid it away and did not take it up again until June, 1879, when the printing began. One chapter I wrote twenty times and tore it down out of type three times. Each time I threw my manuscript into the fire and entirely rewrote the chapter. I never could patch it up."
—ENGLISH SKYLARKS IN AMERICA.—Mr. John Burroughs, in his "Notes of a Walk" in a recent number of *Scribner's Magazine*, described the delight with which he heard a stray English Skylark, which had evidently either escaped from a cage, or was a survivor of those which were liberated in Long Island several years ago. He suggested that the bird was "no real skylark," but that it should not thrive in this country as well as in Europe. Acting on this suggestion, Mr. Charles R. Rowe, of Cornwall, England, an enthusiastic admirer of Mr. Burroughs's writings, has sent him a number of English skylarks, which arrived in New York on Saturday last, and have been forwarded to Mr. Burroughs at Esopus-on-the-Hudson, where they will be set free.
—ST. NICHOLAS FOR MAY Contains the first chapters of a new serial story entitled "Satan's Boy," written by Mr. William O. Stoddard, the author of "Dah Kintzer," the last of Mr. Gilpin's delightful papers on "Two English Queens," and other very interesting chapters of Mr. Rowland Johnson's "Waterland,"—the American tropics—is full of novel incidents, and is liberally illustrated. Of the five short stories of the number, one of the most remarkable is entitled "On a Conscience," it is based upon an interesting chapter of Mr. V. N. Schiller's "The Story of a Conscience," and is a striking manner. Mrs. Clara E. Clement's fourth paper of "Stories of Art and Artists" deals with some of the most beautiful relics of ancient sculpture, pictures of which are given. The number has a fine frontispiece, drawn by Mr. E. P. Hayden; and the opening poem, "The Sister Months," is by Lucy Larcom.
—Miss Mary Agnes Ticknor, author of "The Moorland Niece," and who has just published a new book, "The River," which is attracting much attention, is a native of England, and has named the heroine of her last book Valeria Ellsworth, as a little compliment to her own birthplace. The *Ellsworth American* says of Miss Ticknor: "She belongs to a family well known here twenty years ago, though it is long since and have lived here. Her father was Hon. Richard Ticknor, known in this country as an active politician in the Democratic party a generation ago. Old residents of Ellsworth will remember a family well as among the first settlers of the place. The taste for literature was inherited, and Miss Mary is not the only member of the family who has shown literary taste, three of the sisters having all written, though anonymously. The sisters were and are above the average of women in education, refinement and ability."
—The *May Atlantic* is the first number in which Mr. Aldrich's hand as editor appears, and is a number with which any editor might be satisfied. The leading essay, "Some Personal Recollections of Carlyle," by Henry James, Senior, is one of the most interesting of the many excellent papers called forth by Carlyle's death. "The Martyrdom of an Empire," by E. H. House, who has spent several years in Japan, gives a startling picture of the ruin wrought in that country by the Zee and domination of Great Britain. Walter H. Page writes from intimate personal knowledge a "Study of an Old Southern Borough," which describes graphically and sympathetically former and present life in the South. Major Ben. Perley Poore in his chapter of "Reminiscences of Washington," gives a "reminiscence" of the Fillmore Administration. J. Brainerd Mathews, who always writes of dramatic subjects with so much intelligence and discrimination, contributes an excellent article on "Eugene Schiele," Richard Grant White prints a letter from an English purist critic's errors and ignorance with refreshing skill and pungency. "Law-Planting for Winter Effect," by Samuel Parsons, Jr., will interest lawyer readers. The free illustrations of Henry James, Jr.'s "Portrait of a Lady," and Miss Phelps's "Friends," will sustain the high interest which previous chapters of these serial stories have excited. Mr. Whitman contributes a characteristic poem, "Rabbi Ishmael," Mr. Trowbridge

has three excellent sonnets; and Edith Thomas tells in smooth verse the story of "Remeter's Search." Reviews of new books, including a careful running description of all the books of the month, and a variety of bright things in the Contributors' Club, complete an excellent number of the *Atlantic*. Mr. Aldrich's career as editor begins very auspiciously. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

—Mr. Blair Lord has presented to the Kansas Historical Society the pen which, as stenographer of the Congressional Committee in 1856, he took down the testimony upon which the Committee based their report upon the condition of affairs in Kansas and did so much to make it a free State.
—For the OXFORD DEMOCRAT. FROM IOWA TO KENTUCKY.
LOUISVILLE, KY., Apr. 23.

Dear Democrat:—About two weeks ago I left a small town in Iowa, where I had been "snowed in" for about six months, to take up my abode for a time in this historic region. The snow-drifts in Iowa and Illinois were yet piled up all along the railroad track; the ice had not gone out of the Mississippi and the air was chilly and wintry. Chicago, that busy, bustling, and notoriously wicked metropolis, was suffering intolerably from mud and filth with no hope of relief until the snow was gone. Chicago is enterprising and active, but it would require a vivid imagination to see anything beautiful there at this season. I visited the Palmer House, reputed to be the finest hotel in America. It is an extensive and palatial home, for such travelers as can stand the expense. It was blazing away with electric lights, and might well remain one of an emperor's castle. The electric light seems to be in high favor there; the principal business houses and the larger hotels all have it. After standing for a time beneath one of these brilliant illuminators, a gas lamp looks like a tallow candle.

South of Chicago, mud and snow continued; but when we reached this place, we found summer. The Ohio is open and presents a lively aspect. It is a grand old river at this season, raised as it is some twenty feet above low-water mark. This is a large and beautiful city, and wealthy as well. It is one of the very few Southern towns that make money during the war. Many of the private residences are magnificent, superior to anything I have ever seen in Northern cities. Negroes and mules seem to do the principal part of the work. Blacker negroes and more ridiculous mules and tip-carts it would be impossible to find in any of the comical cartoons or caricatures.

Have been out several miles into the country, and am much pleased with the looks of things. Many of the farmers are immensely rich, their wealth of course, having been acquired in the days of slavery. What I have heard of Southern hospitality I find to be true. I took dinner with a millionaire and never was more agreeably entertained. Whiskey is manufactured and used most extensively. It is seldom I go out upon the street without seeing some unfortunate more or less under its influence. I am glad the stuff isn't made in Maine.

The weather here is like June at home, though the nights are colder. Grass is green, birds are singing, and the trees are fast assumed robes of beauty.

We had quite an interesting experience, six young fellows together—in securing a boarding place. We moved three times in as many days, and have at length located where the beds and rooms are clean—which things we had long sought in vain. I could make a long letter of this, only to-day I don't feel "right smart" for that kind of business. You will think this enough for this time, "I reckon," if not please excuse me, for it is "powerful" warm today. WILSON.

—We do not as a rule allow ourselves to our editorial and we speak of any remedy we advertise, but we feel warranted in saying a word for Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sarsaparilla has been known as a remedial agent for centuries, and is recognized by all schools of practice as a valuable blood purifier. It is put up in forms of almost infinite variety, but Messrs. Hood & Co., (Lowell, Mass.) who are thoroughly reliable pharmacists, have hit upon a remedy of unusual value. Certainly they have vouchers of cures which we know to be most extraordinary.

BORN.
In Bethel, April 21, to the wife of Mr. Ransom Cummings, a son.

MARRIED.
In Bethel, April 21, by H. C. Estes, D. D. Mr. Hannibal L. Wheeler, of Paris and Miss Flora Swift, of Oxford.

In Bethel, May 7, by Rev. D. Garland, Mr. Henry M. Bryant, of Lowell, Mass., and Miss Mary E. Farnell, of Bethel, Me.
In Bethel, May 8, by Rev. Benjamin Foster, Mr. Lawson W. Pingree of Bethel and Mrs. Debra H. Webber of Waterville.

Weather Report.
Temperature last week: A. M. Sunday, 26°; clear; Monday, 28°; foggy; Tuesday, 37°; rain; Wednesday, 50°; foggy; Thursday, 52°; cloudy; Friday, 60°; cloudy; Saturday, 50°; clear.

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